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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
| | 10/644,020 | OGAWA ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | Tarifur R Chowdhury | 2871 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 09/23/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2 and 3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/897,041.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2 and 3 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. The prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a liquid crystal display monitor comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically the rear surface of the second frame being provided with at least one tapped hole for engagement with a corresponding one of the at least one screw, and a thickness of the second frame in the vicinity of the at least one tapped hole being greater than a thickness of the remainder of the second frame and wherein the illuminating device comprising a plurality of line light sources arranged behind the liquid crystal display panel and a reflector disposed behind the plurality of line light sources with the reflector being shaped to have portions protruding toward the liquid crystal display panel between the plurality of line light sources and portions convex toward the second frame behind the plurality of line light sources, and with the at least one tapped hole being provided in portions of the second frame corresponding to the portions of the reflector protruding toward the liquid crystal display panel, including all other recitations.
4. The closest reference 6,594,143 discloses a liquid crystal display panel wherein the bottom frame having a mounting structure facing a rear surface of the second frame wherein the mounting structure is provided with a tapped hole for engagement of each

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of the at least one screw, and a thickness of the surface of the housing in the vicinity of the one tapped hole is greater than that of the remainder of the surface. It is also noted that in the reference that the housing that is facing a rear surface of the second frame has the tapped hole instead of the second frame and the second frame has a hole instead of the housing. Further, it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art. However, USPAT 6,594,143 alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest the claimed liquid crystal display monitor.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R Chowdhury whose telephone number is (571) 272-2287. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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